



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: John W. Jacobs
Assignee: NEC Electronics America, Inc.
Title: TUNGSTEN PLUG CORROSION PREVENTION
METHOD USING WATER
Application No.: 10/602,291 Filing Date: June 24, 2003
Examiner: Lynne Anne Gurley Group Art Unit: 2812
Attorney Docket No.: NEC0252US Confirmation No.: 1241

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on June 17, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (13 pages)

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	20	Minus	26	=	0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
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